

COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

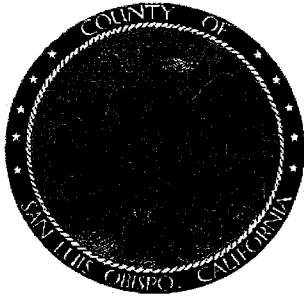
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL

(1) DEPARTMENT Information Technology		(2) MEETING DATE March 7, 2006		(3) CONTACT/PHONE Janette Pell (805) 781-5051	
(4) SUBJECT Request to authorize the Chief Information Officer of the Information Technology Department to apply for an Air Pollution Control District (APCD) Motor Vehicle Emission Reduction (MOVER) grant to conduct research of best practices and develop a request for proposal for a countywide electronic payment (ePayment) service on the County website.					
(5) SUMMARY OF REQUEST Information Technology Department is requesting approval from the Board of Supervisors to apply for a grant which would provide funding for research and development of a Request for Proposal and selection of a vendor for an ePayment solution. ePayment would improve on-line services to the public and result in reduced automobile emissions in the County.					
(6) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board authorize the Chief Information Officer of the Information Technology Department to apply for an APCD Motor Vehicle Emission Reduction (MOVER) grant for funding					
(7) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A		(8) CURRENT YEAR COST \$0		(9) ANNUAL COST \$0	
(10) BUDGETED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
(11) OTHER AGENCY/ADVISORY GROUP INVOLVEMENT (LIST): The Information Technology Department has been involved in the grant proposal process. Numerous departments have expressed the desire for a countywide ePayment solution to meet the needs of the citizens including: Probation, Planning, Clerk Recorder, Health Agency, and Treasurer Tax Collector. The eGovernment project in general has been approved by the Information Technology Executive Steering Committee consisting of Department Heads from throughout the County.					
(12) WILL REQUEST REQUIRE ADDITIONAL STAFF? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, How Many? ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Term ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Contract ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Help ____					
(13) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) <input type="checkbox"/> 1st, <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd, <input type="checkbox"/> 3rd, <input type="checkbox"/> 4th, <input type="checkbox"/> 5th, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All			(14) LOCATION MAP <input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		
(15) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____) <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____)			(16) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions (Orig + 4 copies) <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts (Orig + 4 copies) <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances (Orig + 4 copies) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		
(17) NEED EXTRA EXECUTED COPIES? <input type="checkbox"/> Number: ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A			(18) APPROPRIATION TRANSFER REQUIRED? <input type="checkbox"/> Submitted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		

(19) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW

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TO: HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FROM: JANETTE PELL, CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER
DATE: MARCH 7, 2006

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER OF THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR AN AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT (APCD) MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSION REDUCTION (MOVER) GRANT FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE A COUNTYWIDE ePAYMENT SERVICE ON THE COUNTY WEBSITE

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors authorize the Chief Information Officer of the Information Technology Department to apply for an Air Pollution Control District Motor Vehicle Emission Reduction (MOVER) grant for funding.

DISCUSSION

The Grand Jury reported in their 2004 report the need for improved service availability online to the County's citizens. The County is currently implementing a Content Management System to house the County's new website as part of the eGovernment project which was approved by the Board of Supervisors on February 7, 2006 and included in the County's three year Information Technology Strategic Plan (ITSP) on May 14, 2002 and in the updated ITSP for 2005 through 2007.

In response to the Grand Jury's request, part of the County's governance body, the eGovernment Community of Interest, has identified ten additional service offerings which would benefit the public. They include: electronic payments, digital signatures, language translation, and compliance with Americans with Disability Act section 5.08.

A countywide electronic payment (ePayment) solution is recommended as a top priority. ePayment services include credit and debit cards, smart cards, e-cash, automated or electronic transfers and any other techniques used for the transfer of funds which do not require the use of cash, checks or other physical object transfers. A grant is offered at

this time by the Air Pollution Control District (APCD) which has the potential to provide funding for the ePayment research and Request for Proposal process and thereby reduce automobile emissions in the County and improve on-line services. The County Information Technology Department has prepared a proposal for the grant funds which would be utilized to provide staffing to research a proposed ePayment solution, prepare a Request for Proposal, and ultimately select the product. We hereby request the Board's approval to apply for the grant.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

The Information Technology Department has been involved in the grant proposal process. Numerous county departments have expressed the desire for a countywide ePayment solution to meet the needs of the citizens including: Probation, Planning, Clerk Recorder, Health Agency, and Treasurer Tax Collector. The eGovernment project in general has been approved by the Information Technology Executive Steering Committee consisting of Department Heads from throughout the County.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The request to apply for grant funding is at no cost to the County.

RESULTS

The County of San Luis Obispo would benefit from receipt of grant funds for a countywide ePayment solution by:

- Providing an additional on-line service to the public
- Increasing efficiency and effectiveness in the way departments conduct their business of serving the public since checks and payments would be processed automatically instead of through a manual process
- Contributing to the reduction in air pollution in the County by reducing the number of trips constituents must make to County government buildings.

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